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Two Plead Guilty to Charges In January 2011 Slaying of District Teenager

WASHINGTON - Kevin Clark, 23, and Donald Crosland, 17, pled guilty today to voluntary manslaughter and weapons charges in a killing that took place earlier this year in Southeast Washington, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Clark, of Washington, D.C., and Crosland, of Suitland, Md., appeared in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The Honorable Thomas J. Motley scheduled sentencing for December 7, 2011. They face at least five years and up to 30 years in prison.

According to the government's evidence, on January 7, 2011, at about 9:50 p.m., the defendants entered an apartment in the 5300 block of E Street SE, where they encountered the victim, Ricardo Minger, 17. Both defendants, armed with firearms, shot Minger multiple times, and he subsequently died from his injuries.

In announcing the plea, U.S. Attorney Machen commended those who worked on the case from the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Violent Crimes Branch, along with MPD Detectives Ray Shields and William Covington, and the Mobile Crime Branch, including William Hyatt. U.S. Attorney Machen also praised the work of Paralegal Fern Rhedrick of the U.S. Attorney's Office, as well as Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeff Pearlman, who investigated and indicted the case.